THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.2671 of 2007

Date: 13.02. 2007

Between:
B.Ramulu and another.

....Petitioners

And

The Government of Andhra Pradesh Revenue (Registration-I) Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad and another.

....Respondents

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O R D E R:

Petitioners state that an extent of Ac.26-05 guntas of land in Survey Nos.57 to 60 of Jeedimetla Village, Quthbullapur Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, was gifted them, by one Sri D.Hanmandlu. It is stated that the Gift Settlement Deeds were presented to the third respondent for registration. The grievance of the petitioners is that though the third respondent initially received the documents, subsequently, informed that it cannot be registered, on the ground that the Government issued a notification under Section 22-A of the Registration Act, 1908 (for short 'the Act') in respect of the land in the said Survey Numbers, and kept the documents pending. This writ petition is filed seeking appropriate directions to the respondents, in this regard.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Government Pleader

for Revenue.

Section 22-A of the Act empowered the Government to issue notifications almost preventing the registration of documents in respect of the lands to be mentioned therein. Such a power was held to be *ultra vires* and the provision was struck down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***State of Rajasthan v. Basanth Nahata***[1]***.***

Once the sole basis for the third respondent to refuse registration had disappeared, he is under obligation to receive the documents and consider the same, in accordance with the provisions of the Stamp Act and the Registration Act.

Hence, the Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the third respondent to process the documents presented by the petitioners and take necessary steps, in accordance with the provisions of the Stamp Act and the Registration Act, within one (1) week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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L.NARASIMHA REDDY, J

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Note: Issue C.C. in three days.

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[1] AIR 2005 SC 3401 = (2005) 12 SCC 77